



# **Increasing Plastic Container Collection & Recycling Conference**

**California's Rigid Plastic Packaging  
Container Rulemaking**

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# Rigid Plastic Packaging Container Rulemaking

**Changes are mainly  
organizational/clarifying**

# Main Revisions

- **Definitions:**
  - **Capable of Multiple Re-closure**
  - **Product Manufacturer**
    - **Distributed**
  - **Rigid Plastic Packaging Container**
  - **Replacement Product**
  - **Reusable/Refillable**

# Main Revisions - Clarifications

- **Submitting Certifications**
  - **Product Manufacturer information**
  - **Container Manufacturer information**
- **Waivers**
- **Violations and Penalties**

# Purpose and Definitions - Section 17943

- **Capable of Multiple  
Re-Closures – Deleted**



# Purpose and Definitions - Section 17943

- **Manufacturer or Product**  
**Manufacturer; the manufacturer includes all divisions, subsidiaries, and any other entity, or trade/brand name, for which the manufacturer has responsibility.**



# **Purpose and Definitions - Section 17943**

**Distributed – any RPPC that is shipped into California for the purposes of being sold or offered for sale in the state. Does not include free pro- motional or give away items.**

# Purpose and Definitions - Section 17943

- **Rigid Plastic Packaging Container - Deletes that RPPCs are capable of multiple re-closure and rephrases to state “are composed entirely of plastic; except that rigid plastic containers may have**
  - 1) caps, lids, labels, handles, and hinges made of non-plastic material; and 2) additives such as pigments, colorants, fillers, and stabilizers that are part of the plastic polymer compound.**

## **Purpose and Definitions - Section 17943**

- **Replacement Product –  
same product manufactured  
by the same company or its  
agent**

# Purpose and Definitions - Section 17943

- **Refillable Package – refilled at least five times to replenish the original product by the product manufacturer**



# Purpose and Definitions - Section 17943

- **Reusable Package – reused by consumers to replenish the original product**



# Purpose and Definitions - Section 17943

## Rigid Plastic Packaging Container

- **Added – Blister packaging is packaging where one of the outside walls of the package is made from another material other than plastic such as paperboard.**
- **The size of the container shall be determined by its labeled fluid volume, or if not labeled, then by its equivalent fluid volumetric capacity.**

# Purpose and Definitions - Section 17943

## Rigid Plastic Packaging Container

- The metric equivalent for the following U.S. liquid measures is as follows: eight (8) fluid ounces is equivalent to 236.59006 milliliters, and five (5) gallons is equivalent to 18.9272 liters. Containers for products which are labeled and sold by weight or an item count must be measured for their volumetric equivalency.
- Added – If a durable product is (e.g. toys, tools, appliances) is sold in a permanent storage case, then the case is considered part of the product and not a rigid plastic packaging container.



# Submitting Certifications – Section 17945.2

**17945.2(h) - Changed the  
retention period from four (4)  
years to (3)**

# Product Manufacturer Certification Information - Section 17945.3

- **(b) Container Information**
  - **Note:** Added the last sentence that container label could be used if stated is made with 25 percent postconsumer resin.
  - **Reads:** If the label states that the container is made with 25 percent postconsumer resin then the product manufacturer may include the label as proof of documentation. It is still necessary to include the number of containers and weight of the container.

## Waivers - Section 17946

- **(b)(1) corrected 17946 (a)(5) to 17946 (a)(3)**
- **(b)(3) deleted the waiver as it is obsolete and is no longer applicable.**

## **Violations and Penalties – Section 17949**

- **Amendments are made to clarify by using the individual percent postconsumer material, source reduction, or number of reuses or refills as calculated for each individual compliance option will convert from percent into compliance points using the compliance table.**
- **Amendments are also included to clarify the formula that the CIWMB will use to complete the calculation when determining the amount of penalty.**



# **Waste Prevention and Market Development**

**California's Rigid Plastic Packaging  
Proposed Regulatory Amendments**

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